HOW MILTON CAME TO WRITE "PAR-ADISE REGAINED."

It was at the time of the great plague that the poet of "Paradise Lost" took up his abode at Chalfont, and it was through the instrumentality of a common friend of his and William Penn's that this retreat was selected. Thomas Ellwood, the Quaker, had made Milton's sequaintance in London some years before, when hunted out of house and home by the Bucks Justices, and read to me, Latin to him in his lodging in Jewin When the plague grew fierce in the city, the blind poet bethought him of his one-time Secretary, and asked him to find him some retreat in his neighborhood. Ellwood took this "pretty box" for him; and it was here that he suggested to him the idea of "Paradise Regained," Milton had handed him the manuscript of "Paradise Lost" to pass "Thou hast said much here of paradise lost, but what hast thou to say of paradise found?' He made me no answer. broke off that discourse and fell upon another subject. After the sickness was over and the city well cleansed, he turned thither; and, when afterward I went to wait on him there, he showed me his second poem, called 'Paradise Regained,' and in a pleasant tone said to me, 'This is owing to you, for you put it into my head by the question you put to me at Chalfont, which before I had not thought of."

THOMAS H. BENTON.

Thomas H. Benton was by far the striking figure in the Senate. When he arose to speak, his form towered head and shoulders above everybody else. When excited or enraged, his large face, high cheek bones, heavy eyes, and his leonine rage were terrific. His large head was covered with bushy hair, not always the most tidily arranged. His stentorian voice and blunt style of speaking gave him the air of a dictatorial, domineering character. In his old age he continued to work like a Titan. At 76 years of age he kept on revising his works and writing new ones: and on his death-bed, when he could no longer speak alond, he dictated in faint whispers to his amanuensis. The death of his wife, four years before his own, so affected him that thereafter he was never known to go to any place of amusement or festivity. In life's evening he spent years in writing the great work of his life, "Thirty Years in the United States Senate." When it was nearly ready for the press, an accidental fire destroyed his manuscript. His great force of will led him to rewrite it. In feeble age he toiled on, and shortly before his death he finished the great and crowning work of his toilsome life. He was of robust health, like Cass, doubtless owing to his temperate habits. He used to say that, when a boy, he promised his mother that he would never indulge in the use of strong drink or tobacco, and that he had literally kept his promise through life.

TASTING AN ELEPHANT.

The huge carcass of the elephant, or rather what remained of it, lay on one side, as it had fallen, with the legs extended. Behind the ribs and just over the belly the Kaffirs had peeled off a large slab of skin about three feet square, and through the trap-door thus formed dragged out the stomach and intestines; they had also cut the heart, liver and lungs, so that what was left was merely a hollow shell, in the lower part of which the blood had formed a pool a foot deep. Into this cavity they and the bushmen now kept entering by twos, disappearing entirely from sight, searching eagerly for small pieces of fat along the backbone and about the kidneys, and bathing in, and smearing themselves with, the blood. This is a of the interior of Africa whenever large | which we shall keep as a parlor ornagame, such as elephants or rhinoceroses, are killed, particularly if they happen to be the first of the season. Whether they imagine that this bath of blood gives them courage or not I cannot say They do not wash it off again, but let it dry on them and remain there till it gradually wears or gets rubbed off .-A Hunter's Wanderings in Africa-Selous.

THE tallest peak on Buffalo mountain, in East Tennessee, known as White Rock peak, on account of its peculiar formation-being a ledge of white rock, which towered several hundred feetfell the other day with a terrible crash, which was heard for miles, and the whole surrounding country was almost overwhelmed with terror. It appears as if the whole end of the mountain had fallen. It is said that when the crash first occurred people congregated and prayed to be delivered from the falling mountains.

EARLY prayers have been abandoned in Harvard University. They are still compulsory, but as they are not held until 8:45 o'clock they involve no great hardship. In order to ascertain how far this represented the sentiments, or at any rate the training, of the parents, they were asked by circular whether they held daily morning prayers in their own households. Less than thirty in 100 answered "yes."

Am Ex-Consul's Story.

To the Editor of the Brooklyn Eagle: A late United States Consul at one of the English inland ports, who is now a private resident of New York, relates the following interesting story. He objects. for private reasons, to having his name published, but authorizes the writer to substantiate his statement, and, if necessary, to refer to him, in his private capacity, any person seeking such reference. Deferring to his wishes, I hereby present his statement in almost the exact language in which he gave it to me, C. M. FARMER.

1690 Third Avenue, New York "On my last voyage home from England some three years ago, in one of the Gunard steamers, I noticed one morning, after a few days out of port, a young man hobbling about on the upper deck, supported by crutches and seeming to move with extreme difficulty and no little pain. He was well dressed and of exceedingly handsome countenance, but his limbs were somewhat emaciated and his face very sallow and bore the traces of long suffering. As he seemed to have no attendant or companion, he at once attracted my sympathies his judgment on. "I pleasantly said to and I went up to him as he leaned against him" Ellwood relates in his Life, the taffrail looking out on the foaming track which the steamer was making!

"'Excuse me, my young friend,' I said touching him gently on the shoulder, 'you appear to be an invalid and hardly able or but sat some time in muse; then he on an ocean voyage; but if you require any assistance I am a robust and healthy man and shall be glad to help you. "'You are very kind,' he replied, in a weak voice, 'but I require no present aid.

beyond my crutches, which enable me to pass from my state-room up here to get the benefit of the sunshine and the sea breeze.' "'You have been a great sufferer, no doubt,' I said, 'and I judge that you have been afflicted with that most troublesome disease - rheumatism, whose prevalence and intensity seem to be on an alarming increase both in England and America.' "'You are right,' he answered; 'I have been its victim for more than a year, and after failing to find relief from medical skill have lately tried the Springs of Carlsbad and Vichy. But they have done me no good, and I am now on my return home to Missouri to die, I suppose. I shall be content if life is spared to me to reach my

affected me profoundly and awakened in me a deeper sympathy, than I had felt be-

mother's presence. She is a widow and I am her only child. "There was a pathos in this speech which

fore. I had no words to answer him, and eye-lashes capping his large rolling stood silently beside him watching the snowy wake of the ship. While thus standing my thoughts reverted to a child-a ten year old boy—of a neighbor of mine residing near my consulate residence, who had been cured of a stubborn case of rheumatism by the use of St. Jacobs Oil, and I remembered that the steward of the ship had told me the day before that he had cured himself of a very severe attack of the gout in New York, just before his last voyage, by the use of the same remedy I at once left my young friend and went below to find the steward. I not only found him off duty, but discovered that he had a bottle of the Oil in his locker, which he had carried across the ocean in case of another attack. He readily parted with it on my representation, and hurrying up again. I soon persuaded the young man to allow me to take him to his berth and apply the snugly in bed and requested him not to get up until I should see him again. That evening I returned to his stateroom and found him sleeping peacefully and breathing gently I roused him and inquired how he felt. 'Like a new man,' he answered with a grateful smile. 'I feel no rein and am able to stratch multiple smile. 'I feel no rein and am able to stratch multiple smile. 'I feel no Indian living in Dallas Texas is depain and am able to stretch my limbs without difficulty. I think I'll get up.' 'No, don't get up to-night,' I said, 'but let me rub you gain with the eil, and in the morning you will be able to go above.' 'All right,' he said, laughing. I then applied the Oil again rubbing his knees, ankles, and arms thoroughly, until he said he felt as if he had a mustard poultice all over his body. I then left him. The next morning when I went upon deck for a breezy promenade, according to my custom, I found my patient closely during the rest of the voyage—some four days—applying the Oil every night, and guarding him against too much exposure to the fresh and damp breezes, and on landing at New York, he was able, without assistance, to mount the hotel omnibus and go to the Astor House. I called on him two days later, and found him actually engaged in packing his trunk, preparatory to starting West for his home, that evening. With a bright and grateful smile, he welcomed me, and pointing to a little box carefully done up in thick brown paper, which stood upon the table, he said: "My good friend, can you guess what that is?' 'A present for your sweetheart,' I answered. 'No,' he laughed—'that is a dozen bottles of St. Jacobs Oil, which I have just purchased | Maryland has never given up her claim, from Hudnut, the druggist across the way, and I am taking them home to show my good mother what has saved her son's life and restored him to her in health. And with it I would like to carry you along also, to show her the face of him, without whom, I should probably never have tried it. If you should ever visit the little village of Sedalia, in Missouri, Charlie Townsend and his mother will welcome you to their little ally valuable to those who are obliged to lead home, with hearts full of gratitude, and they will show you a bottle of St. Jacobs disease of the stomach or bowels. By drugcommon practice among all the natives | Oil enshrined in a silver and gold casket, | gists.

> "We parted, after an hour's pleasant chat, with mutual good will and esteem, and a few weeks afterwards I received a letter from him telling me he was in perfect health, and containing many graceful expressions of his affectionate regards."-Brooklyn Eagle.

ment as well as a memento of our meeting

on the Cunard steamer.'

SENATOR ANTHONY, of Bhode Island, lives, when in Providence, in a wooden house, externally of the plainest and most ordinary appearance. The interior, however, is filled with rare paintings and a bric-a-brac. Once a year the Senator makes a pilgrimage to his ancestral village of Anthony, and delivers a lecture to the villagers.

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THE public schools in the Southern States are constantly improving, and the attendance both of white and colored children is growing larger. In nearly all the cities and large towns as good schools are provided for colored pupils as for the whites. The maintenance of the separate system naturally increases the expense.

One of the drawbacks of married life is sick ness of the little ones. For a Cold or Cough you connot find a better remedy than Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Nearly all physicians prescribe it and no family should be without it.

THE English are using up their stock of available coal as fast and as recklessly as we are our forest supply of lumber. One will be consumed and destroyed about as quickly as the other. Says the London Spectator: "The prodigious rate at which we are using up our ceal must again force itself on public attention at no distant day, According to statistics lately published by the Railway News, before 1830, when the export duty on coal was finally repealed the amount of British coal exported never reached 1,000,000 tons : but since then, and, above all, since the spread of railways and the modern development of steam shipping, the trade has expanded at an enormous rate. The average export was only 9,999,462 tons in the five years 1841-'45; it had risen to 20,329,958 tons in 1851-55, and in the period 1876-'80 it was 82,380,027 tons. Low prices and greater commercial ac tivity abroad appear to insure a continuance of something like this rate of increase, in spite of the rapid way in which foreign nations are making inroads upon their own stores. What then is to be the end of it all? Every year we draw nearer a day when home supplies will become, if not scarce, at least more difficult to extract from the mines, and it is quite time that we should be taking serious thought of economizing. There is no necessity to check exports by taxation or any other means. What we require is more rapid progress in the art of making a little fuel do a great deal of work, and the best spur to induce movement in that direction would probably be a renewed period of dear coal caused by the excess of foreign and domestic conrinns, and encor" noitemen

Mr. GLADSTONE gave a dinner to his tenants the other day, and was greatly amused by an uninvited guest who quietly entered and took a seat at the head of the table close to the host some of those present taking him for a tenant, others for a clerk. During din. ner the stranger drank plenty of wine. handed a letter to Mr. Gladstone, and cheered him to the echo. When the dinner was over, as Mr. Gladstone went into the street, this individual tugged at his coat-tail to impede his progress, and was arrested. The letter began, "My Dear Satan," and was to the eflect that the writer, having just come up from hell, offered Mr. Gladstone his services. "If," he added, "you remedy. After doing so I covered him up require brimstone, I can give it you

> Indian, living in Dallas, Texas, is described by a gushing woman as a highlyeducated, polished, affable, genial and fascinating gentleman. When she met him he was dressed in black broadcloth, with faultless linen front, from which sparkled a brilliant emerald. Somewhat advanced in years, cleanly shaven, with black hair slightly tinged with gray. that great philosopher has been handed

MARYLAND and West Virginia have an unsettled dispute of long standing, involving the right to 500,000 acres of fertile land. Charles II. made a grant in 1669 of a large tract, "bounded on the north by the Potomac." There are two branches of the river, and the northern one was taken as the line, which became the boundary of the States; but and a new attempt is now being made to get the territory.

SYDNEY SELTH being ill, his physician advised him to "take a walk upon an empty stomach." "Upon whose?" asked Sydney. Still better steps to take would be the purchase of Dr. R. Y Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" and "Pleasant Purgative Pellets," which are especisedentary lives, or are afflicted with any chronic

THEOLOGICAL cranks are not tolerated in Canadian courts. The volunteered testimony of an agnostic was rejected in the scriptural injunction to "swear not at all," was promptly committed to jail.

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Ir is painful to note the fact that Chief Justice Waite recently walked off with the overshees of Justice Stanley Matthews, but he was overtaken in the street cars, and Matthews recovered his

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A MODEST man in Delaware wrote to Postmaster General Howe saking appointments in the postal service for himself and his two sons. His modesty is discovered in the fact that he asked nothing for the old woman and the girls.

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A BILL is now before Congress which gives every Indian a quarter-section of land. This is well enough in its way, but some arrangement should be made whereby one or two white families will be placed on each section, so that when the Indian desires some rational amusement he will not be obliged to travel four or five miles in order to find some one to scalp. We have taken from the red man his beautiful land, and the least we can do is to give him an immigrant to toy with now and then I THE W

SIR EDWARD THOBNTON is practicing in St. Petersburg some of the pleasant arts he learned in Washington. He gave a brilliant reception a short time ago, at which his distinguished guests were much delighted by the peculiar iced drinks served to them. Huge blocks of Neva ice were placed on the buffet extending along one side of the dining-room, and champagne and claret were ladled from the center of them.

A PRIVATE letter written by William O. Tuggle, of Lagrange, Ga., now in Washington, to a friend in Lagrange, says that an examination of Senator Ben Hill's tongue, recently made, develops the fact that it will have to be operated upon again with surgical instruments. The popular impression in Atlanta is that Mr. Hill will not recover from the effects of the cancer on his

A young man who advertised a profit of \$8,000 on a capital of \$500 replied to an applicant that he had obtained possession of \$38,000 worth of bonds which had been stolen from a San Francisco bank. He wanted \$500 to go to that city, get the bonds which were concealed there, return, and pay over onefourth of them to the man who loaned the \$500. Up to date no one wanted him to go to San Francisco \$500 worth.

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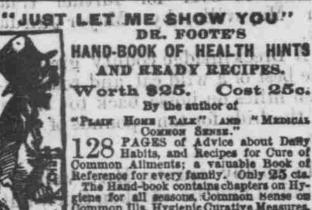
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THE recent French census shows the following results in cities: Lyons, 332, 894; Nantes, 121,965; Rouen, 104,721; Havre, 103,063; Doual, 73,900; Alger, 64,714; Grenoble, 50,967; Bordeaux, 221,520. None of these returns exhibit large increments since the last census, Paris is the city in France that attracts population.

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